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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OPENS

1. FLOOR LEADERS OF DRP, NDP, AND YUCHONGHOE HAVE APPROVED SCHEDULE FOR FIRST 30 DAYS OF REGULAR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. OPENING CEREMONIES WILL BE SEPT 20. SCHEDULE INDICATES THAT FIRST TWO WEEKS WILL BE DOMINATED BY PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATION FORMAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS. ADMINISTRATION WILL REPORT ON KOREA-JAPAN RELATIONS SEPT 24 AND SUBMIT 1975 BUDGET OCT 4.

2. WEEK OF OCT 7 SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHT OF FIRST MONTH. KIM YONG-SAM WILL MAKE HIS KEYNOTE SPEECH AS NEW NDP LEADER OCT 7. INTERPELLATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE OCT 8-12; AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE NATIONAL SECURITY/ DIPLOMACY AND ECONOMY.

3. DURING WEEK OF OCT 14-19 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET (1974) WILL BE REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO FLOOR.

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4. KIM YONG-SAM AND OPPOSITION CAN BE EXPECTED TO

BE AGGRESSIVE IN CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT. IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS NDP HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL RAISE ISSUES OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION, PROPER ROLE OF KCIA, AND RELEASE OF THOSE JAILED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES. ROK ECONOMIC SITUATION, RECENT GEM SCANDAL WITH ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION AND ROKG-GOJ CONTROVERSY WILL ALSO DRAW OPPOSITION FIRE.

5. AS TIME FOR KIM YONG SAM SPEECH OCT 7 APPROACHES WE SHOULD GET MORE EXPLICIT READ-OUT ON HOW HARD OPPOSITION WILL PUSH GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER BOTH DRP AND NDP ASSEMBLYMEN EXPECT KIM TO PUSH VERY HARD AT SOME POINT BEFORE ASSEMBLY SESSION CLOSES; PERHAPS EVEN TO EXTENT OF FORCING SOME PRECIPITOUS GOVERNMENT ACTION SUCH AS DISSOLVING ASSEMBLY AND HOLDING NEW ELECTIONS. DRP LEADERS HAVE THIS CONCERN VERY MUCH ON THEIR MINDS AND THEY ARE SEEKING WAYS OF REACHING SOME ACCOMMODATION WITH KIM ON HOLDING HIS PARLIAMENTARY ACTIONS WITHIN BOUNDS ACCEPTABLE TO PRESIDENT PARK.

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